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SUBJECT: GAMASY ON STATUS MILITARY COMMITTEE

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1. I ASKED GAMASY YESTERDAY ABOUT STATUS MILITARY COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR RESOLVING OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
2. GAMASY SAID VP MUBARAK HAD TOLD HIM OF DCM MATTHEWS' EARLIER QUERY ON THE SUBJECT (REF B). MUBARAK'S COMMENTS TO MATTHEWS HAD BEEN GENERALLY CORRECT. ALTHOUGH HIS TALKS WITH WEIZMAN HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND LENGTHY, THEY HAD COME TO NO SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS ON THE MAIN PROBLEMS HAVING TO DO WITH SINAI, I.E., THE SETTLEMENTS, AIRFIELDS IN SINAI AND DEPLOYMENT OF EGYPTIAN MAIN FORCES.
3. ON THE MATTER OF AIRFIELDS, WEIZMAN HAD ALLOWED THAT OF THE THREE ISRAELI AIRFIELDS CURRENTLY IN SINAI, ONLY RAS AL NAQB IS ESSENTIAL TO ISRAELI SECURITY. THE DISCUSSION HAD FOCUSSED ON HOW LONG THE ISRAELIS MIGHT REMAIN THERE. WEIZMAN HAD DEMANDED THAT THE ISRAELIS REMAIN "AS LONG AS POSSIBLE" (GAMASY'S PHRASE). GAMASY

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HAD REFUSED, CONTENDING ISRAELI CONTINUED USE SHOULD BE LIMITED BY TREATY SO THAT AT THE END OF THE FINAL PHASE OF WITHDRAWAL, THE ISRAELIS SHOULD NO LONGER OCCUPY THE BASE. WEIZMAN HAD RESPONDED THAT IN THAT CASE, ISRAEL WILL PROLONG THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS. IN ANY CASE, WEIZMAN HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY BEGIN TO ARRIVE AT FIRM DECISIONS.

4. THE MAJOR PROBLEM, GAMASY INDICATED, CONTINUES TO BE THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS. ALTHOUGH WEIZMAN PERSONALLY DISMISSES THEM AS NON-ESSENTIAL TO ISRAELI SECURITY, WEIZMAN ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT BEGIN WANTS TO KEEP THEM, PREFERABLY UNDER ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY, OR PERHAPS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS OR SOME OTHER WAY. THEY COULD ARRIVE AT NO CONCLUSION ON THIS AND AGREED MATTER WILL HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT AT SADAT/BEGIN LEVEL.

5. ON THE MATTER OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY DEPLOYMENT IN SINAI DURING THE POST-PEACE PERIOD, GAMASY STATED THE PRECISE LINE FOR THE EGYPTIAN MAIN FORCES HAD NOT BEEN SETTLED. HE GAVE NO DETAILS, BUT SIMPLY SAID THERE ARE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THIS ISSUE. HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS A MAJOR PROBLEM AND WAS SURE THAT, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, HE AND WEIZMAN COULD WORK IT OUT.

6. ASKED WHEN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MIGHT BE, GAMASY SAID HE AND WEIZMAN ARE WAITING FOR A POLITICAL DECISION ON THIS MATTER. IN THE MEANTIME, THERE ARE STILL TEN ISRAELI MILITARY TECHNICIANS AND SECURITY PEOPLE IN CAIRO. THEIR MISSION IS TO MAINTAIN AND SAFE-GUARD ISRAELI COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS. EILTS

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